

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A radio equipment changing antenna directivity on real time basis and transmitting/receiving signals time divisionally to/from a plurality of terminals, comprising:

a plurality of antennas arranged in a discrete manner; and  
a transmission circuit and a reception circuit sharing said plurality of antennas for transmitting/receiving signals; wherein

said reception circuit includes  
a reception signal separating unit for separating a signal from a specific terminal among said plurality of terminals, based on signals from said plurality of antennas, when a reception signals is received, and  
a reception transmission path estimating unit estimating a reception response vector of a propagation path from said specific terminal, based on signals from said plurality of antennas, when said reception signal is received;

said transmission circuit includes  
transmission propagation path estimating unit estimating a transmission response vector of a transmission path when a transmission signal is transmitted, based on a result of estimation by said reception propagation path estimating unit, and

a transmission directivity control unit updating said antenna directivity when said transmission signal is transmitted, based on a result of estimation by said transmission propagation path estimating unit; and

said transmission propagation path estimating unit includes  
an extrapolation processing unit calculating said transmission response vector of a down link slot to said specific terminal, by an extrapolation process based on a plurality of said reception response vectors of up link slots from said specific terminal estimated by said reception propagation path estimating unit,

a memory holding a plurality of parameters used for said extrapolation process, determined in advance in accordance with the propagation environment of said propagation path, and

35 a selecting unit estimating the propagation environment of said propagation path, selecting a parameter corresponding to said estimated propagation environment among said held plurality of parameters, and applying the selected parameter to extrapolation process by said extrapolation processing unit.

2. The radio equipment according to claim 1, wherein  
said parameter is an extrapolation distance in the extrapolation process by said extrapolation processing unit, said memory holds a plurality of extrapolation distances determined in advance in accordance with  
5 Doppler frequencies representing said propagation environment, and said selecting unit estimates Doppler frequency of said propagation path, selects the extrapolation distance corresponding to said estimated Doppler frequency among said held plurality of extrapolation distances and applies the selected extrapolation distance to the extrapolation process by said  
10 extrapolation processing unit.

3. The radio equipment according to claim 2, wherein  
said selecting unit selects a shorter extrapolation distance when the estimated Doppler frequency is lower, and selects a longer extrapolation distance when the estimated Doppler frequency is higher.

4. The radio equipment according to claim 1, wherein  
said parameter is an extrapolation distance in an extrapolation process by said extrapolation processing unit, said memory holds a plurality of extrapolation distances determined in advance in accordance with a  
5 signal error between said separated signal and an expected desired signal, which represents said propagation environment and  
said selecting unit estimates signal error of said propagation path, selects the extrapolation distance corresponding to said estimated signal error among said held plurality of extrapolation distances and applies the  
10 selected extrapolation distance to the extrapolation process by said extrapolation processing unit.

5. The radio equipment according to claim 4, wherein  
said selecting unit selects a shorter extrapolation distance when the  
estimated signal error is larger, and selects a larger extrapolation distance  
when the estimated signal error is smaller.

6. The radio equipment according to claim 1, wherein  
said parameter is an extrapolation distance in an extrapolation  
process by said extrapolation processing unit, said memory holds a plurality  
of extrapolation distances determined in advance in accordance with  
5 Doppler frequencies and a signal error between said separated signal and an  
expected desired signal, which represent said propagation environment, and  
said selecting unit estimates the Doppler frequency and the signal error of  
said propagation path, selects an extrapolation distance corresponding to  
said estimated Doppler frequency and the signal error among said held  
10 plurality of extrapolation distances and applies the selected extrapolation  
distance to the extrapolation process by said extrapolation processing unit.

7. The radio equipment according to claim 6, wherein  
said selecting unit temporarily selects an extrapolation distance  
corresponding to said estimated Doppler frequency, and corrects said  
temporarily selected extrapolation distance in accordance with said  
5 estimated signal error.

8. The radio equipment according to claim 1, wherein  
the relation between said propagation environment and said  
plurality of parameters is determined individually for every said radio  
equipment.

9. The radio equipment according to claim 1, wherein  
the relation between said propagation environment and said  
plurality of parameters is determined commonly to a plurality of said radio  
equipments.

10. In a radio equipment changing antenna directivity on real time basis and transmitting/receiving signals time divisionally to/from with a plurality of terminals, a Doppler frequency estimating circuit estimating Doppler frequency of a propagation path with a specific terminal,  
5 comprising:

a reception signal separating unit separating a signal from said specific terminal among said plurality of terminals based on signals received by a plurality of antennas arranged in a discrete manner;

10 a reception propagation path estimating unit estimating a reception response vector of a propagation path from said specific terminal, based on signals received by said plurality of antennas;

a correlation operating unit calculating a vector correlation value based on reception response vectors preceding and succeeding in time estimated by said reception propagation path estimating unit; and

15 an estimating unit estimating a Doppler frequency corresponding to the vector correlation value calculated by said correlation operating unit, based on correspondence between vector correlation values and Doppler frequencies determined in advance experimentally.

11. The Doppler frequency estimating circuit according to claim 10, wherein

said correlation operating unit includes a calculating unit calculating an instantaneous correlation value between said reception  
5 response vectors preceding and succeeding in time and outputting calculated value as said vector correlation value.

12. The Doppler frequency estimating circuit according to claim 10, wherein

said correlation operating unit includes

5 a calculating unit calculating an instantaneous correlation value between said reception response vectors preceding and succeeding in time, and

an averaging unit weight-averaging a past correlation value and a

present correlation value calculated by said calculating unit with a prescribed weight coefficient, and outputting an obtained average value as said vector correlation value.

13. The Doppler frequency estimating circuit according to claim 12, wherein

said prescribed weight coefficient is set such that a weight for a past correlation value is large and a weight for a present correlation value is small.

14. The Doppler frequency estimating circuit according to claim 10, wherein

said correlation operating unit calculates a vector correlation value based on a reception response vector of a present frame slot and a reception response vector of an immediately preceding frame slot.

15. The Doppler frequency estimating circuit according to claim 10, wherein

said correlation operating unit calculates a vector correlation value based on a reception response vector of a present frame slot, and a reception response vector of a most recent slot free of any reception error among past frame slots.

16. The Doppler frequency estimating circuit according to claim 10, wherein

said correlation operating unit calculates a vector correlation value based on a reception response vector of a former half and a reception response vector of a latter half of one slot.

17. A radio equipment changing antenna directivity on real time basis and transmitting/receiving signals time divisionally to/from a plurality of terminals, comprising:

a plurality of antennas arranged in a discrete manner; and

5 a transmission circuit and a reception circuit sharing said plurality  
 of antennas for transmitting/receiving signals; wherein  
 said reception circuit includes  
 a reception signal separating unit separating a signal from a specific  
 terminal among said plurality of terminals, based on signals from said  
 10 plurality of antennas, when a reception signal is received, and  
 a reception propagation path estimating unit estimating a reception  
 response vector of a propagation path from said specific terminal based on  
 signals from said plurality of antennas, when said reception signal is  
 received;  
 15 said transmission circuit includes  
 a transmission propagation path estimating unit estimating a  
 transmission response vector of a propagation path when a transmission  
 signal is transmitted, based on a result of estimation by said reception  
 propagation path estimating unit, and  
 20 a transmission directivity control unit updating said antenna  
 directivity when said transmission signal is transmitted, based on a result of  
 estimation by said transmission propagation path estimating unit;  
 said transmission propagation path estimating unit includes  
 an extrapolation processing unit calculating said transmission  
 25 response vector of a down link slot to said specific terminal, by an  
 extrapolation process based on a plurality of said reception response vectors  
 of up link slots of said specific terminal estimated by said reception  
 propagation path estimating unit,  
 a Doppler frequency estimating unit estimating a Doppler frequency  
 30 of said propagation path,  
 a memory holding a plurality of parameters used for said  
 extrapolation process, determined in advance in accordance with the  
 Doppler frequencies of said propagation path, and  
 a selecting unit selecting a parameter corresponding to said  
 35 estimated Doppler frequency among said held plurality of parameters and  
 applying the selected parameter to the extrapolation process by said  
 extrapolation processing unit; and



response vector of an immediately preceding frame slot.

22. The radio equipment according to claim, 17, wherein  
said correlation operating unit calculates a vector correlation value  
based on a reception response vector of a present frame slot and a reception  
response vector of a most recent slot free of any reception error among past  
frame slots.

23. The radio equipment according to claim 17, wherein  
said correlation operating unit calculates a vector correlation value  
based on a reception response vector of a former half and a reception  
response vector of a latter half of one slot.